

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 3 and 11 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting cholesterol uptake in the gut comprising the step of administering to an individual into the intestinal lumen of an inhibitor of an ABC1 protein so as to selectively inhibit ABC 1 activity in the intestines to inhibit the transport of cholesterol from the intestinal lumen into the bloodstream.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the inhibitor is a sulfonylurea compound.

3. (Currently amended) A method for lowering levels of LDL cholesterol in an individual comprising the step of administering orally to that individual an agent which reduces the activity of the ABC1 protein selectively in the intestinal cells of the individual so as to selectively inhibit ABC 1 activity in the intestines to inhibit the transport of cholesterol from the intestinal lumen into the bloodstream.

4. (Withdrawn)

5. (Previously amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the agent acts by direct drug inhibition of the activity of the ABC1 protein.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the agent is administered orally.

7.-10. (Withdrawn)

11. (Currently amended) A method for reducing transport of cholesterol from the gut to the blood comprising administering an ABC1 modulating compound to the intestinal lumen of an animal and thereby reducing such transport so as to selectively inhibit ABC 1 activity in the intestine to inhibit the transport of cholesterol from the intestinal lumen into the bloodstream.

12.– 21. (Withdrawn)

22. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the inhibitor is a sulfonylurea compound.